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## LONE GRAVES



23642 Copy of 4477 Lone  
Graves Old Tannery Rd  
Cavendish



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### Location

Old Tannery Road CAVENDISH, Southern Grampians Shire

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 1, 2004

What is significant?

The two lone graves, apparently the only Internments in a cemetery reserve 2.5kms south of Cavendish, are of the infant children Eliza and Viola Donelan. The former died in 1875, the latter in 1886. Both were aged one year. Their parents, Robert and Bridget Donelan ran the Cherry Wood or Karabeal Inn, about 12kms south-east of Cavendish on the road to Dunkeld. Robert Donelan had purchased an allotment immediately adjacent to the cemetery reserve south of Cavendish in 1872. Other than this proximity, it is not known why the infants were buried where they are rather than in the public cemeteries at Cavendish or Dunkeld. Their parents are buried at the new Dunkeld cemetery. The graves are fenced, overgrown and in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The two lone graves are of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The two lone graves are of historical significance as a reminder of the difficulty of raising children in isolated communities, as a link to an ordinary selector family and the transient settlement of Karabeal, and as a contrast to the more formal private cemeteries on squatting runs.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002; |
| Heritage Act Categories   | Registered place,  |
| Other Names               | CASHMORE,  |
| Hermes Number             | 23642  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Conditions

Good

## Physical Description 1

The two lone graves are located together about 250m from the Old Tannery Road. There is one white marble headstone with lead lettering which mentions both girls. The name for Viola is incorrectly given as "Voila". The grave has been recently fenced. It is in good condition.

## Historical Australian Themes

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

## Usage/Former Usage

Abandoned cemetery

## Integrity

high degree of integrity

## Physical Description 2

Donelan Family

Viola Donelan

Eliza Donelan

## Physical Description 3

Cemetery Reserve

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